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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Plague-prevention work at Sydney.

The following information is taken from bulletins issued by the department of public health of New South Wales and forwarded by Consul-General Bray at Sydney:

Week ended September 27: Rodents destroyed, 1,216; examined, 344; found infected, 0. Week ended October 5: Rodents destroyed, 1,254; examined, 346; found infected, 0. Week ended October 11: Rodents destroyed, 908; examined, 329; found infected, 0.

Date of last human plague case, May 29, 1909.

Date of finding of last plague-infected rodent, June 15, 1909.

BRAZIL.

Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Plague and smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, November 1: Two weeks ended October 24. Inspection of vessels: October 15, the British steamships *London Bridge* for New York, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in personnel, and *Homer* for New Orleans, in coffee cargo, with no passengers and no change in crew personnel; October 18, British steamship *Vasari* for New York, with 30 cabin and 3 steerage passengers; October 19, British steamship *Hillbrook* for Tybee Roads for orders, in water ballast, with no change in personnel or crew; October 20, British steamship *Swedish Prince* for New Orleans, in coffee cargo, with no change in personnel or crew; October 21, British steamship *Manaton* for Galveston, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in crew, and British steamship *Purus* for New York, in coffee cargo and with no passengers and no change in crew; October 23, British steamship *Nordpol* for New York, in coffee cargo, with no passengers and no change in crew.

Mortality—Plague and smallpox.—Week ended October 17. No deaths due to plague, smallpox, or yellow fever and no cases of these diseases reported. At the close of the week there were 4 cases of smallpox and 1 case of plague under treatment in São Sebastião hospital. Week ended October 24. No deaths due to plague, smallpox, or yellow fever; 3 cases of smallpox reported. At the close of the week there were 4 cases of smallpox and 1 case of plague under treatment in São Sebastião hospital.